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Sweet, sweet summertime is right around the corner, and the City of Brotherly Love is a wonderful place to enjoy this sunny season. Philadelphia will be chock full outdoor activities, festivals, beer gardens, rooftop bars, tasty treats, seasonal happenings and much more to help make these summer months the absolute best time of the year. Metro has the scoop on all of the red hot activities, specials and parties Philly has to offer and we've put together a Summer Fun Guide to help you make the most of this summer season.

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Celebrity and entertainment news is always juicy. Even if you don't keep up with tabloids or regularly check gossip websites, everyone loves their daily dose of the tea. Metro has the scoop on the biggest scandals, shockers, shades and all-around crazy tidbits that have the celebrity world in a tizzy. Here are the biggest gossip stories of this week. MOLLY GIVEN

BRITNEY SPEARS' MANAGER SAYS SHE MAY NEVER PERFORM AGAIN

The "Circus" singer's health has been a topic of conversation the past few months even though Spears has publicly stated on social media "she just needs time." Some fans still had hoped the songstress would return to the stage, but according to Spears' manager, those hopes may not come true. Larry Rudolph told TMZ, "As the person who guides her career – based on the information I and all of the professionals who work with her are being told on a need-to-know basis – from what I have gathered, it's clear to me she should not be going back to do this Vegas residency – not in the near future and possibly never again."

JENELLE EVANS BREAKS DOWN

The former "Teen Mom 2" star recently had her personal life on blast after her husband shot their family dog and she was fired from the popular MTV show.Then, Evans' sister claimed that a fake Facebook account was created in her name saying that Jenelle's children were taken out of their mother's custody. Now the 27-year-old has taken to social media to express her frustrations. "How would anyone ever believe ANY of my siblings and then report some BS?!" Evans wrote on her Instagram. "SO sick of this drama. Everyone wants a piece of my life ... like why tho? (Btw the pic she posted was from 2 years ago at my house, she hasn't been back since)."

SETH ROLLINS AND BECKY LYNCH MAKE THEIR RELATIONSHIP OFFICIAL

The WWE star confirmed his relationship with fellow wrestler Becky Lynch this week through a social media post. Rollins' Instagram showed a black and white photo of the new couple kissing and the caption read "I guess I'm allowed to post this now... @becklynchwwe?" Lynch commented beneath the post "Champ champ champ" and others also showed their support including wrestler Renee Young and Nicki and Brie Bella.

YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW

ARTS & CULTURE

Home & Garden Festival

The Home & Garden Festival is returning to Chestnut Hill for another exciting year and this massive showcase is going to be bigger than ever. More than 150 vendors will be lining Germantown Ave and will feature an impressive selection of plants, crafts, artwork and much more. This event will also feature delicious food and drink options, live music, face painting, arts and crafts, amusement park rides and much, much more. **May 19, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 8000 to 8600 blocks of Germantown Avenue, free, chestnuthillpa.com**

Rittenhouse Row Spring Festival

Head to the gorgeous Rittenhouse area this weekend to indulge in all of the incredible merchandise, food and beverage spots that make Rittenhouse special. The event will feature delectable bites from street cafes, plenty of art, beauty, fashion, family fun, tasty beer samplings, live music, entertainment and much more. This exciting festival will go on rain or shine. **May 18, 12 p.m.-5 p.m., Walnut St. between Broad and 19th St./18th from Sansom to Locust St., free, rittenhouserow.org**

Author Talk with Dotty Brown

Just in time for the Stotesbury Regatta this weekend (the largest high school rowing regatta in the country) join "Boathouse Row" author Dotty Brown as she presents her book at Shakespeare and Company this Saturday. Brown, an avid rower herself, delves into a comprehensive history of rowing in Philadelphia with her incredible book and gives readers an inside look at the sport itself and how it has changed over the years. **May 18, 2 p.m., Shakespeare and Company, 1632 Walnut St., free, shakeandco.com**

FITNESS

Ruff Mudder

The Tough Mudder teamed up with Chewy to host this high-energy and fitness-focused event for Philadelphians and their furry friends. The four-legged participants will be guided while on their owner's leash through seven fun obstacles to crawl and climb their way through. After participants finish with their pets there will be samples of treats for people and pups, swag handed out, food trucks, vendors and much more. Visit the official site to register. **May 18, times vary, 387 Green Valley Rd., Coatesville, prices vary, toughmudder.com**

POP CULTURE

"GoT" Finale Watch Party at La Peg

It's finally time for the wildly popular HBO series to end, and in honor of the last episode of the series, La Peg will be hosting a special watch party. The party will feature tasty themed food and drink specials such as their Drogon Fire Wings with Dracarys Sauce, Dragon Deviled Eggs, The Mountain Burger,Night's Watch tequila cocktail, Fire and Ice spicy bourbon drink and more . Themed specials begin at 5 p.m., and seating for the screening of the finale will happen in FringeArts' theater beginning at 8:30 p.m. **May 19, 9 p.m., La Peg, 140 N Christopher Columbus Blvd., free, lapegbrasserie.com**

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Gluten Free Expo

This informative, tasty and unique expo caters to anyone who is gluten-free and anyone affected by celiacs disease. There will be keynote speeches from authors, doctors and more on the subject of gluten, plus vendors serving up gluten-free treats and selling products such as gluten-free bagels, beers, funnel cakes, corn dogs and much, much more. **May 18, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks, $10-$15, glutenfreeexpopa.com**

KOP's Food, Wine & Beer Festival

Head to the King of Prussia Mall this Sunday to munch on some tasty treats and sip on some indulgent beer and wine selections. This delicious event will feature samplings of food, wine and beer from over 30 of the area's top restaurants, wineries and microbreweries. **May 19, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., King of Prussia Mall, 160 N Gulph Rd., King of Prussia, $10-$50, simon.com**

FAMILY

Spring Fling Family BBQ & Craft Beer Tasting

Head to Mount Airy's Trolley Car Diner this Saturday to enjoy a day full of tasty food, drinks, entertainment and family fun. This extravaganza will feature plenty of delicious BBQ treats, beer tastings from local craft breweries, "adult" beer floats, a selfie booth, a bounce house, a Mini All-Stars basketball toss, plus more games for the whole family. **May 18, 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Trolley Car Diner, 7619 Germantown Ave., $5-$20, trolleycardiner.com**

PSPCA's May it be a Match

Head to the PSPCA's Fishtown Center this Sunday to attend their May it be a Match event. The event will feature six loveable pups who have been in the care of the PSPCA for an extended period of time or have something holding them back from finding their family. The volunteers at the center have fallen in love with these furry pals and want Philadelphians to see just how special they are. The event will include PSPCA Behavior and Enrichment Coordinator Kayla Dorney, to answer any questions potential adopters may have. **May 19, 12 p.m.-5 p.m., PSPCA Fishtown Center, 1546 Frankford Ave., $19, pspca.org**

FITNESS

7th Annual Cycle Check-up

The Kimpton Hotel teamed up with local bike shop Keswick Cycle to offer up the services of skilled mechanics who will set up a pop-up shop in front of the hotel on Chestnut St. to provide all bicycle owners who ride in with complimentary six-point check-ups. There will also be a raffle with a chance to win a brand new Fuji Feather bicycle and light snacks from Red Owl Tavern. **May 17, 7 a.m.-9 a.m., 12 p.m.-2 p.m., 5 p.m.-7 p.m., Kimpton Hotel Monaco, 433 Chestnut St., free, monaco-philadelphia.com**

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Stars of 'Dead Don't Die' share their love of zombies

Stars of zombie comedy film "Dead Don't Die," written and directed by Jim Jarmusch, tell all.

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Zomsbie movies, who still fear them? In fact, most of us still want to be frightened by them as part of our collective desire of mad entertainment.

Fortunately, these stubborn creatures that don't stay put in their graves and rise up again in retro-campy The Dead Don't Die!, the chosen film for the 72nd opening of Cannes Film Festival in French Cote D'Azur. Of course they don't die, they're zombies! "Only if you chop their head off", as advices Tilda Swinton, the Scottish blond undertaker with a keen use of Asian sword – remember Uma Thurman in Kill Bill?

Well, The Dead Don't Die! is just that – pure entertainment. It can be seen as some kind of hors d'oeuvres for the Palm D'Or contenders that will be revealed on the evening of Saturday, May 25, as the final decision of the international jury presided by Alejandro Iñárritu, and followed by Italian actress and filmmaker Alice Rohrwacher, American actress Elle Fanning, American Kelly Reichard, Burkina Faso's actress and filmmaker Maimouna N'Diaye, French graphic novel and filmmaker Enki Bilal, Greek director Yorgos Lanthimos, polish director Pawel Pawlikowski and French director Robin Campillo.

Early on, Iñárritu told the press he was "very honored" to return to Cannes twenty years after Amores Perros and chair the jury of the Official Selection, especially being the first Mexican director ever to do so. He also shared his concern regarding the film crisis by asking the audience that filled the Lumiere theatre "how many of these films will be seen around the world? Especially in Mexico."

He called juts few "art cinemas" in his country "heroes." The director of 'The Revenant' honored in 2016 with the Academy Award did not ignore the controversy regarding the platform changes after Netflix share of market (and won several accolades last year for his country fellow Alfonso Cuaron, with Roma), by saying that films have "capitalized" by appearing on TV. On the other side he did not avoid the topic involving one certain politician wishing to build walls on the border with Mexico.

Zombies never die

Of course, Jim Jarmusch is a Cannes darling, where he was awarded four times, starting with the Camera D'or, for the best new film, for Stranger than Paradise, in 1984, and following Mystery Train (1989), his short Coffee and Cigarettes (1993), Broken Flowers (2005). He has been around in recent years, with Paterson being his latest, in 2016.

Of course one has to recall the vampire element

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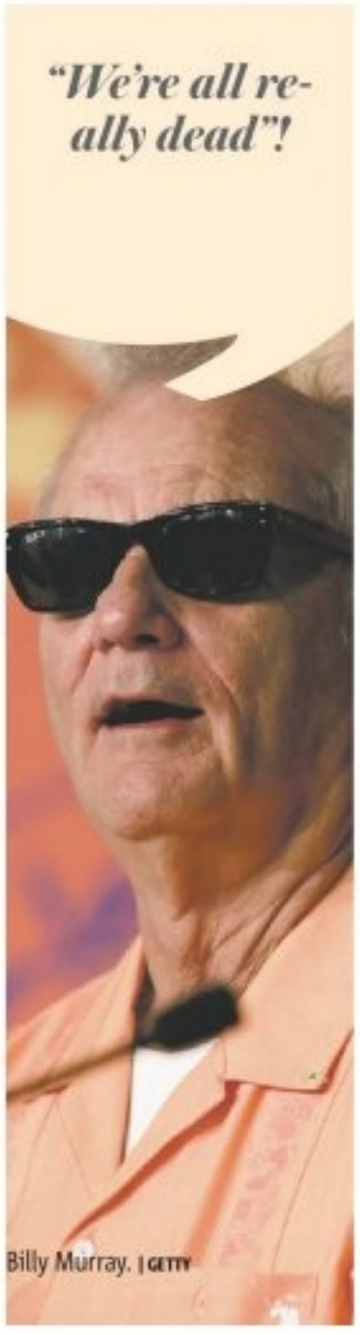
(L-R) Bill Murray, Guest, Director Jim Jarmusch, Sara Driver, Tilda Swinton, Luka Sabbat, Adam Driver, Selena Gomez and Chloe Sevigny attend the opening ceremony and screening of "The Dead Don't Die" during the 72nd annual Cannes Film Festival | GETTY



"We're all really dead"!

Billy Murray. | GETTY

in Only Lovers Left (2013), with Tilda Swinton and Tom Hiddleston, as we approach this new film, in a close reference to the classic zombie films, mainly to George Romero style. However the result is a little let down, as horror itself is overthrown by latest film paved with stars having to be in competition, even if his mild thrills would be more suited as an 'out of competition' entry. That being said, it's always fun when we see these creatures that rise up from the graves and try to spook us with those strange movements. And specially in this case with a very dry sense of humor.

'Dead Don't Die' movie poster. | CONTRIBUTED

You have to admit that it is funny seeing these decadent ghouls crumbling around, and maybe because they do seem to understand their awkward position and star to evaluate the cynical lives of the living, as a clever reflection for the viewer to chew in. Even in the horror it is much mitigated by changing the blood to a mere powder solution and the bodies crumbling as their heads are chopped.

Mr. Jarmusch – surrounded by actors Tilda Swinton, Bill Murray, Chloe Sevigny and Selena Gomez – had the opportunity to admit his references to Mr. Romero's work.

"George Romero is really our guide in this kind of post-modern version of zombie movie. We look up to him and put a lot of his references in the films", he said.

Jarmusch did admit the "entertainment" aspect, however adding "it's a hell lot better if they mean something".

"I like to think of this film as a horror comedy, but I'm not the best person to understand that."

He then assumed his love for the 1968 cult classic 'Night of the Living Dead,' however admitting his admiration of Sam Raimi's work and both John Carpenter and Dario Argento, two directors he had the chance to meet at the film's event."Romero is really important for me", he said. But he wanted to be clear about Romero's difference between men and ghouls.

"Monsters come from outside of the social structure, they are menacing from outside. But Romero's zombies come from within our collapsing social structure and they are victims as well. They are both victims and monsters". And the voice of Tom Waits that Adam Driver and Bill Murray hear saying: "We're all really dead"!

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Is 'degrowth' a way to save the world?

Sharing cars and bicycles with neighbors, reducing the production of waste, encouraging local purchases and creating own "low technologies" are actions that form part of the new trend that is set to reduce our ecological footprint. ZACHARIE GOUDREAULT MWN

"You have to realize that the fabulous growth of the last two centuries is a short story, directly related to the exploitation of fossil fuels," Yves-Marie Abraham, who teaches master's course on sustainable decline since 2013 at the Management Department of Canadian business school HEC Montreal, told to Metro.

This political, economic, and social movement based on ecological economics, anti-consumerist and anti-capitalist ideas called Degrowth started in the early 2000s.

"We have become slaves to consumption," Karel Mayrand, executive director of the David Suzuki Foundation, stated. "A situation that, in addition to contributing to the indebtedness of the population, is silently exhausting the planet's resources."

"The capitalist system has separated us from each other and from nature," Jeremy Bouchez, scientific communicator and co-founder of the Declining Festival in Montreal, Canada, confirmed.

Local resources

Bouchez is delighted with the numerous local initiatives that have been launched in recent years in his city to promote the distribution and reduction of waste.

"One of the main proposals for degrowth is not to develop high technologies, but low ones, which can be easily manufactured by its users with goods that can be found locally," Yves-Marie Abraham explained.

"If there are more people producing their vegetables instead of buying them at the grocery store – that is what fits into the movement," Louis Marion, author of several books on the degrowth movement, commented.

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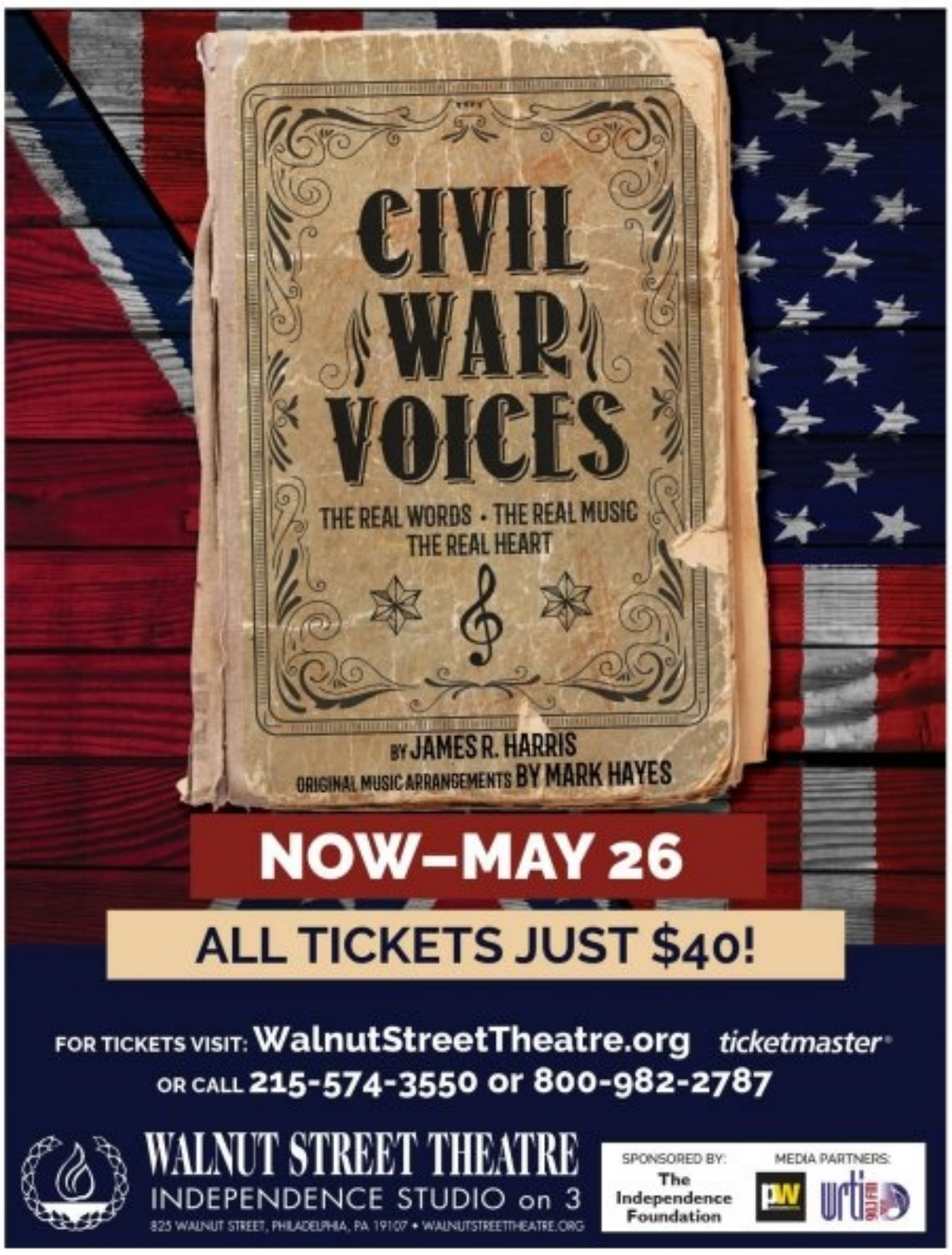
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Many local initiatives have been launched in recent years to promote the distribution and reduction of waste that are causing major problems in the ecosystems where they are deposited. | ISTOCK

author admitted. "But if we put the movement into economical perspective, we would live in a smaller houses and use more public transport."

Beyond individual actions, governments also have a role to play in helping to reduce the ecological footprint, according to the experts consulted by the Metro.

While some propose the creation of laws to counteract programmed obsolescence, others desire measures to restrict advertising to be implemented.

"Economic disaster"

While the movement is gaining more and more support, it is far from reaching a consensus, particularly among economists.

"It worries me. I see that many people around me adhere to this... The decline in growth means an economic disaster in all cases," Germain Belzile, professor at the Department of Applied Economics at HEC Montreal, warned.

"The only way to feed the seven thousand five hundred million people is to produce more," added the economist, who pointed out that economic growth has allowed in recent decades to reduce "extreme poverty" in the world, increase hope of life and facilitate the "access to education".

Regarding the exhaustion of available resources feared by the defenders of the degrowth movement, Belzile responded that technological innovations have allowed to diversify the energy sources used in the past two centuries, thus avoiding shortages.

"In a capitalist society, a decline is a recession, but what we propose is to launch all these social initiatives so that we can leave the capitalist system quietly," Jérémy Bouchez concluded.

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Finding meaning in suffering

Jack O'Connell discusses "Trial by Fire," which follows the tragic story of Cameron Todd Willingham.

MOLLY GIVEN

In the early morning hours of December 23, 1991, in the small town of Corsicana, Texas, a deadly fire erupted in the home of Cameron Todd Willingham and his family. The blaze killed Willingham's three young daughters, Amber, Karmon and Kameron while Willingham's wife Stacy was at work, and Todd was the sole survivor of this heartbreaking tragedy. Willingham was soon after arrested and put on death row for arson and the murder of his three daughters, but the young father swore of his innocence even after he was locked up.

"Trial by Fire" examines the case of Cameron Todd Willingham (played by Jack O'Connell), his conviction and his relationship with playwright Elizabeth Gilbert (Laura Dern) after the proclaimed "bleeding heart" begins a pen pal relationship with Willingham while he's on death row. The question begins to arise in Gilbert's mind if Todd was wrongfully convicted, and she sets out to get more answers on the case that quite possibly put an innocent man behind bars, and a pending needle in his arm.

O'Connell sat down with Metro to talk more about the film, how he prepared for his role, and discuss why this case may be proof that there is a disturbing lack of justice in our country's justice system.

"Trial by Fire" is not meant to brighten anyone's day with false hope or even be a shot at political views- it's a raw and compelling story showing the extremely disturbing situation one man was put through, and on the other end of the spectrum also highlight the tenacity of the human spirit.

O'Connell, a UK native, had not heard of the case prior to taking the role, but the actor was compelled by Willingham's story and truly tried to get an inside look at his life. "I had no prior knowledge, so reading the script was my introduction to Cameron's story, then it was just a case of doing research," says O'Connell. "[I tried to] figure out what my perspective on him is, and just tried to figure out who he is, what his interests are, what's important to him, and I tried to figure out his surroundings at the time.

"I wanted to get to know who Corsicana is [as a town] and get to know Texas_— not just the political backdrop, but the climate. All of these different factors gave me some training and helped me feel like I

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wasn't just doing an impression."

"Trial by Fire" has its low points, your heart breaks and you feel the desperation of Willingham's situation. "He was stripped of a lot of his freedom, on death row he's pretty much in solitude," says O'Connell. However, the movie also shows the strength and perseverance Willingham had, as he says in the film, you have to "find meaning in the suffering."

"His life was dependant on him trying to educate himself in some way. The system is set up for and fails people like Todd, you need money in that game. It's quite disadvantageous for him," says O'Connell.

"I just think across-the-board that justice is a hard thing to maintain, it takes a full investigation, it caught me lost. I feel like Todd was found guilty based on a system that was pretty dated even at that time. My view is not one that kind of points the finger at anyone really, I think justice, on the whole, should take time, especially when people's lives depend on it."

But if the finger isn't being pointed at one specific person, is it pointed at the downfall of a society as a whole? "It looks like it's pointing towards a bureaucracy that would rather execute an innocent man than admit to its faults. I think there's a hint of that in Todd's case, that's my personal view, that's criminal," O'Connell adds.

Hope came in many forms throughout the film for Todd, sometimes it was more beneficial, sometimes it was hurtful. But the purest form of hope came from Elizabeth Gilbert, who quite literally became one of Todd's only allies. "He maintained his innocence throughout more or less, so to have somebody who was impartial to his case and have someone to talk to and even offer a form of escape--talking to her even for short stints of time, it offered the escape. The more time Elizabeth spent on Todd's case and investigating herself, the more she was convinced that he was innocent as well."

"Trial by Fire" is a film that certainly has a lesson, but the dire situations of the story make this lesson's message a lot more cutting than most. Watching the film may not give you the warm fuzzies, but it certainly will inspire many. Whether it be to take another look at the subject of capital punishment, to remember a man who was disregarded by so many, to delve into a wildly compelling story or simply even to be inspired by incredible acting-- "Trial by Fire" is a showcase of despair, hope, tenacity and morals.

Laura Dern as Elizabeth Gilbert in "Trial by Fire"

"People have their views, and I don't necessarily consider it my job to change people's opinions on one thing or another. What excites me is telling stories, if they're made up, fine, if they're based on true events, great. I mean I think at the heart of this story is Elizabeth Gilbert and her work with the justice program. So certainly within this movie yeah, injustice does exist. But I'm not about to get on my soapbox and dictate it one way or the other," says O'Connell. "If I in any way offered Todd's voice and Todd's case and Todd's innocence a platform, that's an honor. That's something that I hold quite dearly, and I'm very fortunate to be able to do that."

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MOLLY GIVEN

Fourth of July is an iconic day in our nation's history, and one of the biggest days of celebration there is during the summer season. Some may think hitting the beach or being on vacation is the best way to celebrate the red, white and blue-filled holiday, but Philly and the Wawa Welcome America Festival begs to differ.

According to the official release, Welcome America, Inc. and Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney recently announced more than 50 free events that will create the six-day Wawa Welcome America Festival. Taking place from Saturday, June 29, through Thursday, July 4, the 2019 festival will encompass free multicultural and multigenerational patriotic events throughout Philadelphia's diverse neighborhoods. The multi-day festival includes a robust lineup of concerts, fireworks shows, family movie nights, museum days, educational activities, continuous recognition of our nation's heroes and much more. This massive celebration has something for everyone, no matter what age or what set of interests you may have.

Families will love the Historic District Block Party (June 30, noon- 7 p.m.) which features music, art, live entertainment from talented performers, history, culture, food trucks and much more. This daylong celebration is always a fan favorite, and after attending, it's easy to see why.

Art fans will love taking advantage of the free museum days: Over 20 of the city's museums will be opening their doors free of charge or for an optional pay-what-you-wish donation. Participating museums include the Rodin Museum, American Swedish Historical Museum, One Liberty Observation Deck, Independence Seaport Museum, Museum of the American Revolution, Photo POP Philly: Sweet Paradise at The Bourse, The Galleries at Moore College of Art and Design, Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, Penn Museum, Mütter Museum, Fireman's Hall Museum, The Philadelphia Museum of Art and more.

Movie buffs will love the nightly movie series, presented by Chase, happening throughout the festival. The films will be played on outdoor LED jumbo screens at different locations throughout the city. Featured movies include "Rocky," "Invincible," "Shrek" and "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom." There will also be pre-movie screening activities including trivia and free giveaways, plus a special ticketed screening of "Once in a Hundred Years: The Life & Legacy of Marian Anderson," winner of best documentary feature at the Philadelphia Independent Film Festival.

Kiddos will love the dynamic event series PECO's Go 4th & Learn, which promotes children's reading and education through engaging activities, fun workshops and free books for all attendees, supported by Books in Homes USA. According to the release, Go 4th & Learn will also launch Wawa Welcome America's Inaugural Day of Service, to promote community service and volunteerism with a day dedicated to cleaning Hunting Park. Another fun event for little tykes is Live Nation's KidNation event at the Fillmore (July 2, noon-6 p.m.). The daylong fun-filled extravaganza will feature games, activities, a peek inside the music industry alongside industry professionals, fun giveaways, swag and much more.

Sandwich enthusiasts will love Wawa's Free Hoagie Day (July 2). The release states title sponsor Wawa, Inc. will present an 8-ton hoagie Salute to Our Troops — named after the continuing focus of Hoagie Day — honoring our service members and hometown heroes, as well as recognizing Wawa's longstanding partnership with the USO. Wawa's Free Hoagie Day will, of course, feature free hoagies, a hoagie-building competition, and for the first time ever, a performance by the U.S. Army Field Band.

Wawa Welcome America will also feature an array of firework shows and fun concerts. The lineup includes the United States Army Band's "Pershing's Own" Concert at Penn's Landing (June 29, 8 p.m.), the Gospel on Independence Concert at Independence Hall (June 30, 7 p.m.), the United States Army Field Band at Penn's Landing (July 1), and more. However, the most anticipated concert will be happening on Independence Day itself and will feature Grammy Award-winning icons Meghan Trainor and Jennifer Hudson taking the Independence Blue Cross Stage at the Wawa Welcome America July 4th Concert for the first time. The Philly POPS will also be performing with Hudson, and fireworks shows will be happening on the Fourth of July as well.

Jennifer Hudson will be performing at the concert on the Fourth of July.

In fact, the Fourth of July will feature an incredible lineup of fun events and celebrations including the Celebration of Freedom Ceremony, the Salute to America Independence Day Parade, the fun-filled Party on the Parkway, the Chill Moody Music Stage and much more.

A full festival schedule and details for all events can be found at WelcomeAmerica.com and in Wawa stores in six states (PA, NJ, DE, MD, VA and FL). Downloadable festival guides are available at WelcomeAmerica.com and NBCPhiladelphia.com. Be sure to check out Wawa Welcome America's exclusive hotel packages and festival tips at WelcomeAmerica.com as well.

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PHS's pop-up beer garden recently opened THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I'll *drink* to that

Get ready to drink outside at these beer gardens and rooftop bars this summer season. **MOLLY GIVEN**

Sweet summertime is almost here, and one of the best parts of the carefree season is the joy of drinking outside. There is truly nothing like cracking open a cold beer or sipping on a deliciously flavored cocktail while basking under the warm sun. Philly is a mecca for outdoor drinking and dining destinations, whether it's a pop-up beer garden with themed food and refreshments or a rooftop oasis with a magnificent view of the city– Philadelphia has it all.

Independence Beer Garden

The 20,000 square-foot, all-American beer garden overlooking the Liberty Bell and Independence National Historic Park is back for another glorious summer season. Independence Beer Garden offers a mystical garden atmosphere full of refreshing drinks, tasty food, games and more right in the middle of the city. IBG offers a wide variety of drafts and cans such as the Yards IBG Grapefruit IPA, the Free Will Mango Wheat, Evil Genius #Adulting, Kona Big Wave and more, plus specialty cocktails such as their Tequila Cooler, Gin Jaw and IBG Mule. Need some food to go along with the delicious drinks? Guests can snack on pretzel bites, mahi-mahi tacos, pulled pork, hummus, buffalo wings, spicy chips and much, much more. IBG is also home to an extremely fun and high-energy cornhole league- you can play with your friends while hanging out, or there are even event tournaments you can sign up for. Check out IBG's official website for more details.

100 S Independence Mall W., hlbeergarden.com

The Patio at Spring Arts

The unique outdoor lounge recently opened just in time for the sunny season. The Patio at Spring Arts offers an incredibly unique atmosphere inspired by the glamour and lifestyle of mid-century Palm Springs. Any Philadelphian can indulge in the eclectic music and wading pools while also enjoying their menu of refreshing and one-of-a-kind cocktails including their Mai Tai, Scorpion Bowl (perfect for groups), Spring Arts Sangria, Pink Flamingo, Cucumber Cooler and much, much more.

500 N 10th St.,patiophilly.com

PHS Pop Up Gardens

The Philadelphia Horticulture Society opened two incredible beer gardens for the summer season. Philadelphians can head to either of their locations on South Street or in University City to truly make the most of this outdoor drinking season. The South Street location is focused on "Summer Love" for its theme this year and visitors will get a chance to celebrate the power of flowers with unique food and drinks, fun events, and by engaging in gardening activities amid the nostalgic and lush atmosphere. Menu highlights include their Flower Power Sour, Froze Petal, buffalo ranch popcorn, Frito pie, ice cream treats and more. The uCity square location is taking things south of the border this year with a Mexican Flare theme and features food and drinks, exciting happenings, a whimsical urban orchard and more. Menu highlights include their cucumber jalapeno sangria, frozen mango margaritas, grilled corn on the cob, fish tacos, spicy pork tacos and much more.

1438 South St. and 60 N 36th St.,phsonline.org

Assembly Rooftop Lounge has one of the best views in the city. PUNCH MEDIA

Assembly Rooftop Lounge

Assembly offers one of the best views in the entire city nine stories above Logan Square. Philadelphians can catch a glimpse of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia Art Museum and Center City all while indulging in the appetizing food and drink menu this chic rooftop lounge offers. Delicious drink options include their Rose Gold Margarita, Old Cuban, Tiki Sour, Lit Redemption, a plethora of wines by the glass and bubbly by the bottle, refreshing beer and much more. Delectable bites from their menu include shrimp rolls, an asparagus and bacon flatbread, a cheese plate, short rib tacos and more.

1840 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy.,assemblyrooftop.com

Attico

Attico is not only the only rooftop bar located on Broad Street, it is also one of the only rooftop spots in the city that is open year-round with an amazing indoor and absolutely ideal outdoor section. Attico is elevated, in height, cuisine and drinks. Delicious refreshment options include their Old Fashioned, Pleasure Principle, Negroni, plenty of different types of enticing wine, refreshing beer options and much, much more. If you come to have even just a quick drink on the gorgeous rooftop, you will definitely stay for the food. It's irresistible. Food options include an artisanal cheese board, house-made soft pretzels, diver scallops, yellowfin tuna tartare, dan-dan noodles, pasta prima vera and much more. Be sure to stop by this hotspot for their incredible happy hour as well.

219 South Broad St. atticorooftop.com

Bok Bar

Sitting on a rooftop overlooking the beautiful sights of Philly while sipping on incredible beverages and munching on tasty food sounds like a dream- and the seasonal wonder Bok Bar makes that dream a reality. Bok Bar opens back up for the summer season on May 23, and this hotspot is ready to make the most of these next few months. Bok Bar offers a great variety of beer and wine including Founders Solid Gold, Press Lemon-lime, Victory Summer Love, QC Shrub Grapefruit, Bells Twohearted, Arona Sauvignon Blanc, Lost Angel Pinot Noir, Campos de Luz Rose and more. Delicious food items include fried Za'atar chicken bites, a falafel platter, a falafel sandwich, hummus, french fries, ice cream bars and more.

800 Mifflin St.,bok-bar.com

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Say *hello* to *festival season*

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Get ready to attend some of Philly's biggest events of the year.

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Between top music acts and some serious block parties, it's almost impossible to get bored in Philly over the summer. Fill lazy weekends with food, music and entertainment with festivals happening almost every week from June to September. Here are six festivals you shouldn't miss this season.

The Roots Picnic
The iconic one-day festival is moving to the Mann Center for the very first time to celebrate its 12th anniversary on June 9. The group of Philly hometown heroes bring together an amazing lineup. Rapper 21 Savage is the headliner performance along with sets from Lil Baby and H.E.R, and The Roots themselves have something special planned for this year. They are performing their full Things Fall Apart album to celebrate the record's 20th anniversary, including the Grammy-winning song "You Got Me."
June 1, The Mann Center, 5201 Parkside Ave, rootspicnic.com, $99.50-$125.50

PrideDay LGBT Parade and Festival
This PrideDay is going to be Philly's largest Pride celebration to date in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. The weekend kicks off with a giant block party at S 12th and Locust streets on June 7. Don't miss the parade on Sunday June 9 to see beautiful floats, tons of glamorous costumes and representation from various LGBT groups in Philly. Pride ends with a serious party at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing (101 S Christopher Columbus Blvd) after the parade, with food, drinks and performances by Philly's best LGBT entertainers.
June 7-9, Multiple locations, phillygaypride.org, Pay as you go

PECO Multicultural Series at Penn's Landing
Mark your calendars for a series of festivals at Penn's Landing throughout the summer. The series of free events showcases Philadelphia's diverse population and the vast number of cultural traditions celebrated in the city. Concilo's Hispanic Fiesta on July 6-7 is two days of Latin music performances, food vendors and the opportunity to purchase a variety of handmade goods. The African Cultural Alliance of North America Inc. (ACANA) organizes the African Festival on Aug. 4. Modern and traditional music are significant highlights for this event as well as dance performances and tons of food to try.
Multiple Dates, 101 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., delawareriverwaterfront.com, Free

XPoNential Music Festival
Radio station WXPN's annual festival is meant for music lovers. Three days of performances on multiple stages on the Camden waterfront means there's something for everyone. Headliners include Blondie, Hozier and Elvis Costello & The Imposters.
July 26-28, Various locations in Camden, xpnfest.org, $20-350

2nd Street Festival
If you want to try a little bit of everything during a street festival, the 2nd Street Festival is the event for you. This festival acts as a giant block party on the main stretch running through Northern Liberties with music, shopping and entertainment. Attendees should come hungry to sample dishes from a long list of restaurants and food trucks, including popular Hawaiian food trucks Poi Dog and Urban Village Brewing Company.
Aug. 4, 12 p.m.-10 p.m., N 2nd St. between Germantown Ave. and Spring Garden St, 2ndstfestival.org, Pay as you go

Made in America - Aug 31 & Sept. 1
Made in America wraps up summer during Labor Day Weekend with a star-studded lineup for the two day festival. Rappers Travis Scott and Cardi B are headlining the festival, and organizers just announced that hip hop singer Lizzo is joining the lineup. Singer James Blake, who performed his hit "Mile High" with Travis Scott at the 2019 Grammys Awards, is also scheduled to perform. General admission passes for both days of the festival are on sale for $175, or go all out with a VIP package for $695.
Aug 31-Sept. 1, madeinamericafest.com

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19

Reach & Rise Philadelphia
May 19

Head to the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art to partake in these all-level yoga classes benefiting a great cause. **May 19, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, $10-$30**

19

Brunch So Hard
May 19

Spend the afternoon cruising the waters of Philadelphia while indulging in a delicious brunch buffet and playing games. **May 19, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Spirit of Philadelphia, 401 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., $81**

22

Disney Movie Trivia
May 22

Test your Disney animated flicks knowledge with trivia covering everything from "Coco" to "Dumbo." **May 22, 7-9 p.m., Goose Island Brewhouse, 1002 Canal St., free**

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23
Spring Beer Garden at the Mütter
May 23

Head to the Mütter Museum in the evening to indulge in their exclusive beer garden featuring specialty cocktails ,beer, snacks and more. **May 23, 6-10 p.m., Mütter Museum, 19 S. 22nd St., $12**

24
Billy Joel
May 24

The "Piano Man" himself is hitting the stage and playing some of his greatest hits in the City of Brotherly Love this month. **May 24, 8-11 p.m., Citizens Bank Park, 1 Citizens Bank Way, $99-$149**

25
Crawl of Thrones
May 25

Winter is here (even though it's spring) and it's time to drink as much as Tyrion Lannister at this unique bar crawl. **May 25, 2-10 p.m., Down Nightclub, 252 S. 15th St., $40**

28
Bok Rooftop Yoga
May 28

Unwind, breathe and do your best downward dog pose while high above the city on the roof of the Bok Building. **May 28, 6-8 p.m., Bok Bar, 800 Mifflin St., $16**

31
Wobbleland
May 31

This two-day dance and music fest will feature ZEDS DEAD, Zomboy, ATLiens and many more. **May 31, 6-11 p.m., Franklin Music Hall, 421 N. 7th St., $95-$150**

1
New Found Glory
June 1

The popular band will be playing some of their greatest hits from the past two decades and from their new album. **June 7, 7:30-11 p.m., Franklin Music Hall, 421 N. 7th St., $28**

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5 Fun outdoor activities to try this summer

Visit the outdoor roller rink, take a hike and more.

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Looking for new ways to spend some time in the great outdoors when the weather gets warm? Whether you want to mix up your workouts or keep your kids busy, there are many ways to play outside this summer. Here are five activities and destinations to put on your summer to-do list.

Philly Free Streets

For one morning each year, Philadelphians get the chance to experience a major stretch of the city without any cars or traffic. Philly Free Streets is taking over eight miles of Broad Street from City Hall to Erie Ave on Saturday Aug. 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can bike or walk some (or the entire) stretch of Broad Street that will be closed off, or get creative with how you celebrate. Look for food trucks and sidewalk sales, or bring chalk to create your own art on Broad Street for the day. *Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-1p.m., North Broad from City Hall to Erie Ave., phillyfreestreets.com*

Biking on the Schuylkill River Trail

See several miles of the city while biking along the river on the Schuylkill River Trail. Start or end your ride on the Schuylkill Banks boardwalk near Locust St. The Philadelphia portion of the SRT runs from the end of the boardwalk to East Falls. The trail is paved and runs alongside Kelly Drive for stunning views of Fairmount Water Works, Boathouse Row and the Falls Bridge at the end of the route. If you don't own a bike, rent one through Indego at one of the locations near the trail in Center City: S 25th and Locust streets, S 23rd and Market and on Hamilton St. between N 21st and N 22nd streets. While you're taking a trip, plan a couple of detours and activities. Visit Laurel Hill Cemetery (3822 Ridge Ave.) near East Falls to have a picnic and see beautiful sculptures. Explore East Fairmount Park via bike where Kelly Dr. meets Fountain Green Dr. to make your way to destinations like the Mount Pleasant Mansion and Historic Strawberry Hill Mansion. There are several restaurants near the trail in Center City and East Falls, or

continue your ride to Manayunk on the Manayunk Towpath to visit bars and restaurants on Main St. *schuylkillrivertrail.com*

Swimming at Kelly Pool
There are many free public pools throughout the city, but the biggest (and most scenic) is Kelly Pool in West Fairmount Park. Located right by the Please Touch Museum, this Olympic-sized pool has eight lanes and a large grassy area for lounging. The pool has separate areas for kids and more serious lap swimmers. Philadelphia Parks and Recreation will announce official pool opening dates and hours in the next few weeks. *4231 Lansdowne Dr, phila.gov*

Skating at Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest
If you're looking for a fun outdoor activity without leaving Center City, visit the outdoor Roller Rink near Penn's Landing to skate and more. Summerfest brings boardwalk activities and food to the Delaware River, so you can make a full day out of your visit. Take a ride on the beautiful Ferris wheel for views of Center City and the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and play a round of mini golf. For food, try a range of classics from Chickie's and Pete's Waterfront Crabshack like fried lobster ravioli and snow crab legs. Don't forget to treat yourself to a classic boardwalk dessert. Skelly's Amusements serve funnel cake and fried Tastykakes. Tip: skip the lines for roller skating by purchasing tickets online before you visit. *101 S. Columbus Blvd., delawareriverwaterfront.com*

Hiking in the Wissahickon
There are more than 50 miles of hiking trails and beautiful park exploration waiting for you in the Northwest section of Philly, including East Falls and Chestnut Hill. The Wissahickon Valley Park is a destination for hikers of all experience levels, and you can participate in this summer's All Trails Challenge to explore the entire trail network while raising money for Friends of the Wissahickon. Check their website for information on trail difficulty and where to find trailheads before heading out for your hike. *fow.org*

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The champagne pops from The Twisted Tail.
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Tastes like *summer*

Here are some of the sweetest, most savory and unique treats the city is offering for the season. **MOLLY GIVEN**

The summertime is great for a lot of things: tanning, going on vacation, drinking and of course, eating. Whether you're looking for a frozen treat to cool you down on a hot day, a piping hot seafood meal to cure your cravings or even a refreshing fruity drink to make your day that much sweeter, Philly has got you covered.

The Free Spirit Collection from Saxbys
Saxbys wanted to break the mold of the classic "mocktail" idea and come out with a booze-free line of cocktail-inspired coffee- and tea-based sippers that are not "faux" anything. The new line of beverages includes an Espresso Tonic, Cold Brew Sangria Spritz, a Philly House Punch and a Raspberry Breeze. All of these refreshing beverages are incredibly tasty and under 100 calories. The Free Spirit Collection will launch in all of the brand's cafes on May 28 and will be available all summer long. *Various locations, saxbyscoffee.com*

Champagne Popsicles from The Twisted Tail
If you want to cool down with a twist, this Headhouse Square hot spot has got you covered. The Twisted Tail is taking a normal champagne drink up a notch by pouring the bubbly over fruity frozen pops. These tasty treats will be available in seven rotating flavors: watermelon, honey dew, cantaloupe, pineapple, blueberry, strawberry and mixed berry. The champagne pops will be available all summer long for $15.
509 S. 2nd St., thetwistedtail.com

Surf and Turf from Square 1682
Square 1682's delightful special will be running throughout the spring and summer every Tuesday. Indulge in a juicy, 10-ounce Angus Ribeye, half a grilled Maine lobster, crushed fingerling potatoes, charred lime, roasted garlic, drawn herb butter and chimichurri sauce for just $25 at the Center City hot spot to truly make this season special. But wait, there's more. You can also get a refreshing beer for only $3 with your surf and turf meal. Surf and turf lovers wishing to snag a seat and feast on this delicious meal can call ahead and secure a table by calling 215-563-5008.
121 S. 17th St., square1682.com

CBD Smoothies from FUEL
This summer, treat yourself to a frozen drink that will cool and calm you down at the same time. Fuel has three different options for their Dream Smoothies; all three can have CBD added to make them extra-special. The smoothies come in three sizes, including 16 ounces ($6.95), 20 ounces ($7.95) and 24 ounces ($8.95). The smoothies are available in three flavors: Green Dream (vegan and made with kale, ginger, pineapple, spinach, honey), Berry Dream (vegan and made with strawberry, mango, apple, banana) and Orange Dream (vegan option available and made with OJ, banana, vanilla, non-fat yogurt). Additionally, customers can add a half-milliliter of CBD oil to other smoothies for only $2.95. *Various locations, fuelrechargeyourself.com*

A delicious burger from P'unk Burger. AVERSA PR

Funnel Cake from Philly Flavors
If you can't make it down to the boardwalk quite as often as you would like this summer, don't sweat it. Philly Flavors is already well-known for their delectable ice cream, specialty sundaes and frozen drinks, but most people forget this hot spot offers a lot more than just ice-cold treats. Head to this popular shop to indulge in their simply irresistible funnel cake this summer to truly make the most of this tasty season. Anything fried and topped with powdered sugar can't be bad, right? Or, if you're feeling really fancy, go for their waffle ice cream sandwich to take it up a notch and get the best of both worlds.
Various locations, phillyflavors.com

Burgers from P'unk Burger
This East Passyunk hot spot knows how to make a delicious and juicy burger, and there are oh so many options to choose from. Philadelphians can choose from a beef, turkey, chicken, ahi tuna, lamb, veggie or grilled portabella base to build their own mouth-watering burger and add any of P'unk's delectable toppings, sauces and spreads. If creating your own burger isn't exactly your jam, that's no problem. P'unk has plenty of burger creations to choose from, including their Cuban (beef, ham, red dragon English ale whole grain mustard cheddar and fried pickles), Cali (turkey, bib lettuce, cheddar and house-made guacamole), Mediterranean (lamb, feta cheese, red onion and tzatziki sauce) Wasabi Ahi (spicy rare Ahi tuna, wasabi sauce, arugula and cusabi slaw) and more. *1823 Passyunk Ave., punkburger.com*

Lobster Clam Bake from Red Owl Tavern
No meal screams summer quite like a lobster clam bake, and Red Owl Tavern will be serving this irresistible treat up all summer long for $39. The dish features mouth-watering mussels, clams, shrimp, fingerling potatoes and corn on the cob, and is topped with one full pound of lobster, served in classic speckled enamelware black pot. The best part? On Mondays throughout the summer, ROT will be offering this mouth-watering meal for only $25, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Philadelphians can enjoy their dinner while sitting outside and indulging in one of lead bartender Kyle Darrow's enticing cocktails as well, to make the most of their summer night.
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Will soda tax sour Philly mayor's chances at re-election?

A beverage-industry group has spent heavily, hoping to quash Jim Kenney's signature accomplishment.

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Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney's signature accomplishment is controversial — and a special-interest group it affects — is spending big money trying to knock him out of office.

Under Kenney, the City Council enacted a tax on sweetened soda in January 2017. The 1.5-cents-per-ounce tax, which is levied on distributors, funds pre-kindergarten classes, community schools and Rebuild, a $500 million program to renovate public spaces.

Kenney's two challengers in the May 21 Democratic mayoral primary, State Sen. Anthony Hardy Williams and former City Controller Alan Butkovitz, oppose the tax. A new poll shows that a majority of Philadelphians do too.

The American Beverage Association, which spent $16.2 million from 2016 to 2018 to fight the tax, sees an opening: It spent $408,000 last month to air commercials critical of Kenney's program, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported. On Apr. 23, WHYY reported that the beverage-industry group had spent $604,000 overall on ads attacking Kenney and the tax.

The group has also started campaigning against City Council members who voted for the tax. An ABA-funded TV ad spotlights the city's $368 million budget surplus in 2018, arguing that the city could afford to pay for the social programs without the "unfair beverage tax that hits working families the hardest." It implores viewers to "tell City Council to stand up to the mayor" and end the tax.

As nationwide obesity rates continue to climb, public health advocates say the tax is worthwhile and has been effective. They point to a new study that shows the tax has reduced the consumption of sugary drinks. Sales of sweetened beverages fell 51 percent at Philadelphia chain food retailers during the first year under the tax, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association Tuesday. (Sales increased 24 percent outside the city, leaving consumption at a net negative.)

-51%
Sales of sweetened beverages fell 51 percent at Philadelphia chain food retailers during the first year under the tax

+24%
Sales increased 24 percent outside the city, leaving consumption at a net negative.

But some community leaders object to the tax, saying that it unfairly impacts lower-income families and people of color. Late last year, a group of 20 black clergy came out against the tax. A poll released last Wednesday by the Pew Charitable Trust found that 71 percent of black respondents disapproved of the tax, the Philadelphia Tribune reported.

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Abortion ban bill passed by Missouri

Missouri's Republican-controlled Senate passed a bill early on Thursday that would ban abortions after the eighth week of pregnancy except in medical emergencies.

The vote came a day after Alabama's governor signed into law a ban on abortions at any time absent a medical emergency.

The bills, along with similar measures proposed in more than a dozen other states, are the latest effort by conservatives to challenge Roe v. Wade, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision from 1973 establishing a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy.

"This comprehensive, life-affirming legislation prohibits abortions once a heartbeat has been detected, prohibits abortions when a baby is capable of feeling pain, and would outlaw abortion in Missouri upon the reversal of Roe v. Wade," the Missouri Senate Republicans said in a statement.

President Donald Trump and Governor of Missouri Mike Parson. REUTERS

Senate Democrats opposed the bill.

The Missouri Stands for the Unborn bill will go back to the Republican-controlled House of Representatives for a final approval vote before it can head to Missouri Gov. Mike Parson, a Republican, to be signed into law. The bill passed the Senate in a 24-10 vote, NBC News reported.

The bill would not allow an abortion even in the case of rape or incest. It would punish doctors with a prison sentence for carrying out a banned abortion but would not punish women who seek the procedure. REUTERS

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ANALYSIS

THE FOREMAN FORECAST: YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET THIS

TOM FOREMAN

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I'm not big on making predictions, because they can so easily be wrong. Race horses get disqualified. Sure-thing candidates are voted out. That chalupa from the food truck turns out to not be the best thing you've ever tasted.

But this week I am driven to prognosticate without fear: The Republicans are going to regret unchaining this president.

From the start, President Trump has tweeted his displeasure at the idea of Congress, the Justice Department, the courts, the media or anyone else scrutinizing his behavior. He has signaled overwhelming disdain for the very concept of limited presidential powers. He scoffs at the mention of congressional oversight. His administration proudly proclaims its lack of interest in cooperating with pretty much anyone raising ethical, legal or uncomfortable questions. He ridicules lawmakers who dare mention that he is simply an elected leader, not a king or dictator.

And lately, his own party has become even more complicit in fostering these attitudes. Just like Trump, many GOPers are equating any opposition to nothing more than partisan gamesmanship. The president likens demands for accountability to treason, and his party mutely sits by. Trump rails against anyone who fact-checks his weekly fountain of falsehoods, and his allies — who know he is spreading fake news like weeds in spring — refuse to admit it.

Can you even recall the last time congressional Republicans stood up in any substantial way to challenge anything Trump said or did?

I understand that political parties support their leaders, so I expect them to back his ideas about immigration, or judges, or military strength. But this is not a matter of bolstering Trump's programs. This is, to all appearances, a political party accepting the idea of a completely unfettered presidency; essentially, a fundamental shift in the balance of powers, a rules change that would leave Congress neutered. And of course, that's why it's dangerous — even for those Republicans. Because one day, perhaps soon, their party will not hold the Oval Office. And then — with the record showing they abandoned the entire concept of presidential accountability — who will listen when they howl to get it back?

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Win, Place and Show wagering is where most novice horseplayers start because these bets are very straightforward. A Win bet pays off when the horse you bet on finishes first. A Place bet covers you if your horse finishes first or second, though it will pay significantly less than a Win bet. A Show wager pays off if your selection runs first, second or third, but usually yields less than a Place bet. The typical minimum on Win/Place/Show wagers is $2.

Exacta
An Exacta wager requires the bettor to pick the top two finishers of a race in exact order. It frequently pays considerably more than just betting two horses to win and/or place while involving a little more risk. Exacta wagers can be "boxed," meaning your selections can come out in any order. You can box as many horses as you wish in an Exacta wager, though the cost will increase exponentially. For example:

$2 Exacta Box 1/2 = $4

$2 Exacta Box 1/2/3 = $12

$2 Exacta Box 1/2/3/4 = $24

If you like only one horse to win, you can do an Exacta part-wheel with that horse on top rather than the conventional Win bet in order to pursue a higher payoff. For example, a $2 Exacta part-wheel 1/2,3 would cost $4. The typical minimum on Exacta wagers is $1.

Trifecta
The Trifecta is like an Exacta wager, only it requires the bettor to pick the top three finishers of a race in exact order. Like the Exacta, a Trifecta can be boxed to increase coverage, as well as price.

$2 Trifecta Box 1/2/3 = $12

$2 Trifecta Box 1/2/3/4 = $48

$2 Trifecta Box 1/2/3/4/5 = $120

A five-horse box strategy is hardly optimal, so bettors can construct Trifectas in unique ways in order to emphasize how they believe the race will play out. For example, if the bettor believes only two horses can win but that there are three other horses that can finish either second or third, a Trifecta ticket can be built this way in order to reduce cost:

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Superfecta
The Superfecta takes the Trifecta one step further, requiring bettors to pick the top four finishers in exact order. Superfectas can usually be played for as little as 10 cents, so a four-horse box could cost just $2.40. Of course, this wager is among the hardest to hit in horse racing.

Multi-race wagers
The Daily Double is the simplest of the multi-race wagers, requiring the bettor to pick the winner of two consecutive races. The Pick Three pays off if the bettor correctly identifies the winner of three straight races. There are also Pick Fours, Pick Fives and Pick Sixes offered in select spots on the cards of most racetracks.

TWEET OF THE DAY

Tim Wilkin
@tjwilkin

Asked Bob Baffert who is horse to beat in Preakness. He came up with AlwaysMining. Also mentioned AnotherTwistofFate. In Derby, Baffert said horse to beat was Maximum Security.

Best Bets

NHL, NBA betting previews

Sharks at Blues
Puckline: Sharks 1.5 goals (-230), Blues -1.5 goals (+190)
Betting total: 5.5 goals (Over -115, Under -105)
The Sharks took a 2-1 lead in the West Final over the Blues with a highly-controversial 5-4 overtime victory at Enterprise Center on Wednesday. Sharks forward Timo Meier overtly used his hand to bat the puck to teammate Gustav Nyquist, who fed defenseman Erik Karlsson for the deciding goal. What hasn't been controversial in this series is the lackadaisical goaltending and defense demonstrated by both teams, triggering three straight Over payouts. Bettors should ride the wave in Game 4 on Friday. Jordan Binnington has been shaky between the pipes for St. Louis in his last three starts, playing to a .854 save percentage. Logan Couture alone has put five pucks past the Blues' netminder in three contests. San Jose's Martin Jones hasn't been much better, stopping just 77 of St. Louis' 88 shots in the series (.875 save percentage).
The play: Sharks - Blues Over

Raptors at Bucks
Moneyline: Raptors +240, Bucks -280
Betting total: 216 points
The Bucks rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to beat the Raptors in Game 1 of the East Final, 108-100, at Fiserv Forum on Wednesday. Bettors should expect a similar result in Game 2 on Friday. Semifinals series hero Kawhi Leonard notched 31 points for Toronto on Wednesday but was unusually dull, making just 10-of-26 shots from the floor. His inefficiency characterized Game 1's stats as Milwaukee shot just 39.8 percent (25 percent from beyond the arc), while the Raptors made only 37 percent of their shots. Look for both clubs to be more efficient in this one.
The play: Bucks spread and Raptors - Bucks Over Parlay
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The Grade I, $1.5 million Preakness Stakes takes place at Pimlico race-course this Saturday (6 p.m., NBC), and with both disqualified Kentucky Derby winner Maximum Security and promoted winner Country House bypassing the race, this renewal of the "Run for the Black-Eyed Susans" seems as wide-open as any in recent memory.

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MetroBet will discuss some of the top contenders in this field of 13 and lay out a wagering strategy below. The 144th Preakness Stakes goes as Race 13 on a 14-race program.

No. 2 BOURBON WAR is one of several new faces on the Triple Crown trail that are trying their luck in the Preakness Stakes. He was last seen running a disappointing fourth in the Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park. However, BOURBON WAR had little pace to work with as Maximum Security went gate-to-wire. That shouldn't be the case in the Preakness with ALWAYSMINING and ANOTHERTWISTAFATE being present.

BOURBON WAR hinted at ability when he broke his maiden on debut at Aqueduct last November before checking in fourth with a wide trip in the Remsen Stakes. After a brief freshening, he burst through to win an allowance at Gulfstream over Kentucky Derby runner Cutting Humor. BOURBON WAR was sent off at 4-1 in his next start, the Fountain of Youth, and was a fast-closing second behind Code of Honor, who would return to run third (placed second) in the Kentucky Derby. BOURBON WAR will have Irad Ortiz Jr. in the irons and has a solid pedigree for the 1 3/16th-mile distance.

No. 9 BODEXPRESS has yet to break his maiden (6-0-3-0 career record) but intrigues at longshot odds. He drew into the Kentucky Derby as an also-eligible but was one of several who were affected by an errant Maximum Security on the far turn. Once he lost his momentum, he and jockey Chris Landeros never really got it back as they faded to 14th (placed 13th after the DQ). The wet track in the "Run for the Roses" didn't help BODEXPRESS either, as his only other race on an "off track" was a dismal fourth-place effort at Gulfstream back in January. Prior to the Derby debacle, BODEXPRESS was a respectable second behind Maximum Security in the Florida Derby.

BODEXPRESS is capable of performing well in the Preakness based on pedigree, as he's by Bodemeister, who was second in the first two jewels of the Triple Crown to I'll Have Another in 2012. A win in the Preakness would be a crowning achievement for trainer Gustavo Delgado, who has just one previous Grade I win (Paola Queen, 2016 Test Stakes). Hall-of-Fame rider John Velazquez takes over on BODEXPRESS, and while he's never won the Preakness, he's finished second twice (2011and 2013). BODEXPRESS should be just behind an honest pace in the Preakness and could get first run on the tiring leaders.

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No. 11 LAUGHING FOX earned an automatic Preakness berth by rallying for the victory in the inaugural Oaklawn Invitational at Oaklawn Park on Derby day. He went four-wide turning for home but still managed to catch the leaders and win by a neck under Ramon Vasquez. The Oaklawn Invitational was a needed drop in class for LAUGHING FOX, as he offered little in the Rebel Stakes two starts back and finished a distant fourth in the Arkansas Derby a month later. His pedigree is strong (by 2012 Belmont Stakes winner Union Rags) and he has potent connections in trainer Steve Asmussen and jockey Ricardo Santana Jr, who teamed up to take three Grade Is at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby weekend.

No. 4 IMPROBABLE will try to give trainer Bob Baffert a record-breaking eighth victory in the Preakness Stakes. He essentially ran in place as the 4-1 favorite in the Kentucky Derby, never improving on his fifth-place running position at the first call. IMPROBABLE had never missed hitting the exacta prior to that effort two weeks ago.

It seems as though this colt by City Zip has peaked while others continue to improve with seasoning. Mike Smith won this race for Baffert last year atop Justify and gets the leg-up here, but others appeal more.

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Eagles could lose Howie Roseman's right-hand man Douglas to Jets

If rebuilding the organization into a contender wasn't enough, Jets Chairman and CEO Christopher Johnson created another hurdle when he fired general manager Mike Maccagnan on Wednesday.

It only came after Maccagnan got the Jets ready for the 2019 season, which included the hiring of a new head coach in Adam Gase, spending exorbitant money in free agency, and running the team's draft.

While Johnson continued the trend of denying any reports of a rift between Maccagnan and Gase, which centered around the $52.5 million deal given to star running back Le'Veon Bell, he did admit that Maccagnan failed to have that "prove it" factor.

With the Jets poised to finally make their way back toward legitimacy, the decision provides one more "that's so Jets" moment as the franchise has often been a laughingstock of the league.

Maccagnan's job was always going to be on the hot seat as many believed he was going to be axed following the 2018 season alongside Todd Bowles. But to wait this long is what makes the dismissal so bizarre.

Regardless, the Jets have to find themselves a new general manager as Gase takes over as interim GM.

All initial signs point to Philadelphia Eagles Vice President of Player Personnel Joe Douglas, who has played an integral role in developing the team into a contender alongside general manager Howie Roseman.

Since joining the Eagles in 2016, after working with the scouting departments of the Chicago Bears and Baltimore Ravens, Douglas has helped bring on key players that aided in a Super Bowl title in 2018.

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>
> **Eagles GM Howie Roseman**

Among notable names brought in were Alshon Jeffery, Torrey Smith, Haloti Ngata and Timmy Jernigan.

"There's a lot of things that Joe is, and being a 'Yes Man' isn't one of them," Roseman said, per NJ.com. "I think that's really been the best part about our building, that we have a lot of opinions, a lot of strong opinions. We have a lot of good people in our building, and nobody is just agreeing for the sake of agreeing."

That partnership could be nearing its final days, though, as Douglas and Gase have a strong relationship.

The two spent a year together with the Bears when Gase was the offensive coordinator and Douglas was director of college scouting.

Douglas could arrive in New York in a package deal along with NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah, who is "under serious consideration for a prominent front office position," per ESPN's Adam Schefter.

Suddenly, the Jets would have a solid scouting tandem in their front office that would be capable of bringing in winning talent, whether that's on the market or on the draft board. JOE PANTORNO

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Gemini Keep private information to yourself. Make personal changes that will help alleviate tension and stress. Take charge of your life and walk away.

Cancer Put more enthusiasm into getting things done. Share your ideas and offer solutions. The help you offer others will raise your profile and boost your popularity. Romance is on the rise.

Leo Don't fight with a loved one. Evaluate your situation and think about how to best handle what's going on. A change may be necessary.

Virgo Temptation is best ignored. You'll do far better if you engage in projects or activities that will give you an opportunity to learn something new and make interesting connections.

Libra Expand your mind and consider how to improve your lifestyle. Getting angry won't help, but getting active will encourage you to look and be your very best.

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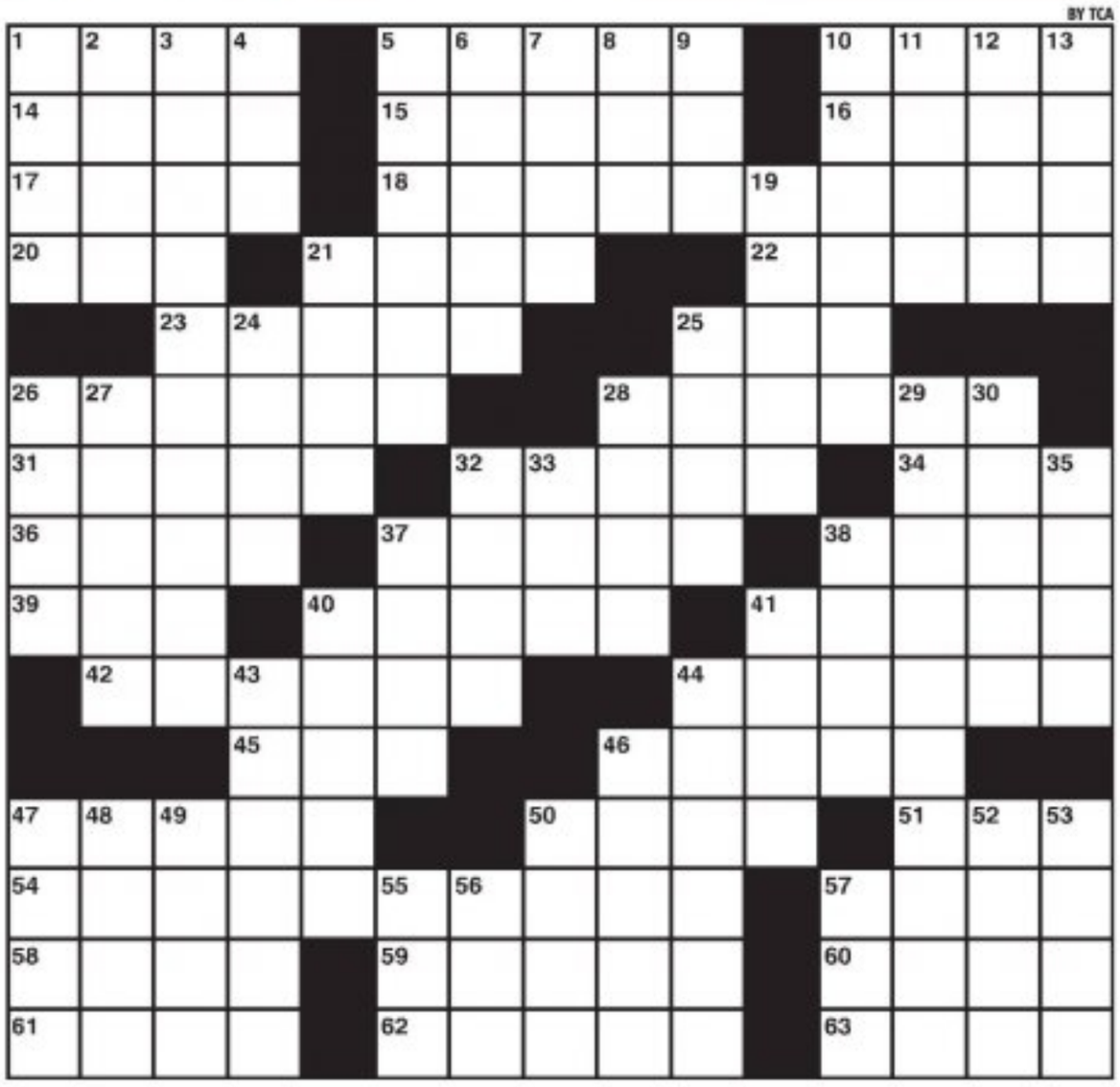

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Once Upon A Nation Storytellers share free, three-to-five-minute stories of the encampment and how it became a turning point in the Revolutionary War at three benches in Valley Forge National Historical Park. 11 am – 4 pm.

May 25 – 27:
Memorial Day Weekend

June 1 – 9:
Saturdays & Sundays

June 10 – August 11:
Daily

August 17 – 31:
Saturdays & Sundays

September 1 – 2:
Labor Day Weekend

September 7 – October 20:
Saturdays & Sundays

THREE locations: Muhlenberg Brigade, Visitor Center, and the Train Station at George Washington's Headquarters.

VALLEY FORGE SECRETS & SPIES

Learn 18th-century spy techniques including invisible ink, counterespionage, and looking for secret messages as young guests work with operatives to foil the plot against George Washington. Be the first to enlist and join a spy network to uncover the traitors involved. Tour departs from the Train Station at General Washington's Headquarters.

Saturday, June 15:
12:30 pm & 2 pm

Saturdays, June 22 & 29:
12:30 pm

Thursday, July 4:
12:30 pm & 2 pm

Saturdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, & 17: 12:30 pm

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